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Sir:

The instant Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is submitted concurrently with the above-identified patent application to make of record seven (7) of the documents cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application. No comment additional to that made in the specification is believed to be necessary.

Applicant submits that the claimed invention is novel and unobvious over the references, taken alone or properly combined, cited in the IDS. An early action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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